

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 as follows:

**BAGLESS CANISTER VACUUM CLEANER**

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

5 This application claims the benefit, as a continuation of U.S. Application  
Serial No. 09/944,731 filed August 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,712,868, and  
claims priority from and hereby expressly incorporates by reference commonly  
owned U.S. provisional application No. 60/230,287 filed September 1, 2000.